

Boys and girls of school-going age in the Pulaya and Paraya Communities.

137. **MR. TAMARAPALLIL KOCHUTOMMAN** (*Pattanamittita*): Will the Government be pleased to state how many boys and girls there are of the school-going age belonging to the Pulaya and Paraya communities in Travancore, and how many of them are now (20-5-1105) actually in schools?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is not possible to state how many boys and girls there are of the school-going age belonging to the communities specified by the member. Information that is available is laid on the table:—

	<i>Pulayas.</i>	<i>Parayas.</i>
1. Population as per Census of 1921	1,96,184	63,038
2. Number of pupils of school-going age (15 per cent of the population)	29,428	9,456
3. Number of pupils under instruction at the end of 1104	14,390	4,465

Bridge over the Hanumannadi.

138. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): With reference to the answer given to question No. 24 asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 2nd December 1927 *re* the construction of a bridge over the Hanumannadi at Samburvadakara (Page 86, Vol. XII of the Council Proceedings), will the Government be pleased to state in what stage the bridge is at present (8-1-1930)?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the answer to interpellation No. 34 given at the meeting of the Council held on the 22nd January 1930.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Sir, with reference to the answer to the question, may I know by whom it was sanctioned?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Sanctioned by Government.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know who is to submit the estimate to Government for sanction?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Chief Engineer.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know when he submitted the estimate for sanction?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): He has not submitted an estimate. He has applied for administrative sanction. The estimate is under preparation.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Am I to understand that the estimate is not yet prepared?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know when the preparation was begun?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): All that I am now able to state is that it is under preparation.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Was not the answer given in 1927 to the effect that the estimate is under preparation?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I have not got that here. I take the information from the member.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): I rise to a point of order. I have referred to that particular question pointedly in my question. "With reference to the answer to question No. 24 asked at the meeting of the Council held at the 2nd December 1927 re the construction of a bridge over the Hanumannadi at Sampurvadakara".....The member says now that he has no information. The answer then was that the estimate is under preparation. Now he is saying he has not got that information.

PRESIDENT: I do not quite understand your point. What is it on which you want a ruling?

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Sir, previously when I put the question in 1927, the answer was that the estimate was under preparation. Now I ask the member whether the answer to that question was not like that. He says he has not got that information.

PRESIDENT: It is so. Why should you ask him when you have got the information before you? That sort of questioning when the information is before you and when it is in the records of the Proceedings of the Council, cannot be allowed. Why do you ask questions about it? If that is allowed there will be no end of questions. If you have got the information on record you can proceed upon that.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): I want to know whether the member is aware of that.

PRESIDENT: You are not here to examine him but to get information from Government.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know with whom the preparation of the estimate is pending for the last three years with the Chief Engineer or with his subordinate officers?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): With the subordinate officers.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know whether the Chief Engineer took any action against the subordinate officers for not sending the estimate?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

Disabilities of Teachers in Grant-in-aid schools.

139. MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): (1) Are the Government aware of a conference of teachers and managers of Grant-in-aid schools which met at Neyyattinkara on 15-4-1105?

(2) Will they be pleased to state whether they know that the teachers of Grant-in-aid schools are under great disabilities on account of the insufficiency of the grant, absence of any provision for privilege leave etc., and the want of a scheme for Provident Fund?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) Yes. Copies of the resolutions passed at the meeting have been received from the member who presided over that meeting.

(2) Government note the statement made by the member. The matter is being enquired into by the Director of Public Instruction.

Instructions by the Police Commissioner re preferring of complaints.

140. MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the present Commissioner of Police has issued instructions orally or in writing to his executive subordinates that, as far as possible, they should advise people to prefer private complaints and avoid appearing as prosecutors in cases of criminal offence which come to their knowledge and, if so, whether such instructions are given after consultation with Government?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): No such instructions have been issued.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether the Government are aware that there are Police officers who openly declare that there are such instructions?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Government have no such information.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): If there are such officers may I know whether they are not acting improperly?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): It is a hypothetical question.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether the Government will be pleased to enquire whether there are such officers?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The original question is whether the Commissioner of Police has given such instructions and that has been answered.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): I ask a supplementary question whether the Government would enquire if there are such officers?